

House Resolution No. 4201

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State neighborhoods that truly embody the qualities of diversity, unity, and stability and are exceptional places in which to live, work, and raise families; and

Whereas, the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood of Saint Louis, Missouri, was developed right after the 1904 Worlds Fair with the first homes being constructed near the fairgrounds in 1908; and

Whereas, on October 11, 2008, the residents of Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood will celebrate the One Hundredth Anniversary of their hometown with food and music at Greg Freeman Park in Four Corners at the intersection of Des Peres and Kingsbury streets; and

Whereas, the Skinker-DeBaliviere historic neighborhood was the first neighborhood in the city of Saint Louis to become integrated racially and socioeconomically and today is a model of diversity and stability; and

Whereas, in 1966 Washington University, Saint Roch Church, Grace United Methodist Church, and Delmar Baptist Church, which now is known as New Cote Brilliante Church of God, formed the Skinker DeBaliviere Community Council in cooperation with resident groups; and

Whereas, down through the years numerous events have been created to bring residents together, including an Art Fair and House Tour, Rags to Riches, a Halloween Party, the Christmas Walk House Tour, Dinner Theater, National Night Out, a Garden Tour, the Community Garden, a Dog Show, New Neighbors Parties, and Four Corners Concerts; and

Whereas, the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood also is home to the Times of Skinker DeBaliviere, which in 1970 became the first Saint Louis neighborhood newspaper, and the Skinker DeBaliviere Housing Corporation, which since its inception has facilitated new construction and home rehabilitation in the area; and

Whereas, residents of the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood continue to work to ensure both diversity and stability and to relish their historical importance as the source of many citywide elected officials, state legislators, aldermen, and committee members:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Skinker-DeBaliviere and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the establishment of their historic neighborhood; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Skinker-DeBaliviere neighborhood of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Rachel Storch
District No. 64

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4201, adopted September 23, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker